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Art Unit: 1772

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CONTAINING PRODUCTS

AMENDMENT

MS Non-fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 (Paper No. 12), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Amendment (11 pages)
2. Return Postcard

Applicants believe there is no fee for this response. However, if Applicants are in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 10105701.

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